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Mr. Philip Young
Chairman
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Young:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 4 March 1955 requesting my views as to whether the Central Intelligence Agency, in view of its special legislation, falls under the provisions of Section 14 of Executive Order No. 10450 for the purpose of review or inspection of its program by the Civil Service Commission.

You will recall that on 29 May 1953 I wrote to you about the special considerations applying to this Agency's program under Executive Order No. 10450. Specifically, I referred to my letter to the Bureau of the Budget of 16 March 1953, which letter stated that "the furnishing of a complete roster of the names of CIA employees, which, in effect, would be required by compliance with paragraph 9, would be inconsistent with CIA security requirements and with the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949."

I am forwarding herewith a copy of our current regulation which was prepared in implementation of Executive Order No. 10450 and based on the sample regulation prepared by the Attorney General. A number of cases have been processed under this regulation. I am anxious to cooperate with the Commission in this matter, but it is my view that my responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947 for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure would restrict review or inspection of our program by the Civil Service Commission. I would be pleased to have my Director of Security, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Extension 645, meet with your representative to determine the manner in which our respective responsibilities may best be met in accordance with law and Executive Order No. 10450.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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